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New supply warehouse opens at Qatar Battalion

A state-of-the-art Class IX warehouse ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Army Field Support Qatar Battalion March 8. The newly up-graded facility boasts a team of 23 workers receiving, sorting, stocking, inventorying and issuing parts out to shop locations in support of the battalion's operations. The warehouse renovation began autumn, 2006 and was completed in January, with new lighting, steel shelving, and electric forklifts specifically designed for use with high lift storage placement.

Efforts to overcome long customer wait times for parts to arrive from the states and the uncertainty of an ever-changing mission had, over time, created excess un-used parts— almost double the amount of current rotating stocks— taking up critical warehouse space.

Now, special shelving systems combined with the new lifting devices allow closer placement of rows and allow more rows of space in the warehouse. Adjustable shelves can easily be rearranged to accommodate all stocks. Pallet style shelving allows stock to be stacked neatly and not in a box and that improves accountability. Lean Six management practices now send non-rotating stock back into the Army-wide supply system increasing overall accountability.

Red River Army Depot Team named finalist

A Red River Army Depot quality improvement team from Texarkana, Texas has been named a finalist in the 22nd annual International Team Excellence Awards sponsored by the American Society for Quality. This year's competition will feature 22 teams from around the world from a broad spectrum of industries vying for the coveted ASQ Gold, Silver and Bronze Team Competition Awards.

The team, HMMWV Recapitalization Team, competed in a rigorous preliminary round and qualified to participate in the live final competition, which takes place April 30-May 2 at ASQ's annual World Conference on Quality and Improvement at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla. Winners will be recognized during a ceremony on Wednesday, May 2, the final day of the conference.

CERDEC Engineer Crowned AMC's Finest for 2007

Scott Coombe, Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, was named AMC Engineer of the Year at the 2007 National Society of Professional Engineers' award ceremony held in Washington, D.C., Feb 22. Coombe is the chief of the Power Technology Branch of the Army Power Division at Fort Belvoir, Va. Coombe set up the branch and established it in the areas of Power Cells and Modeling & Simulation.

In 2004, Coombe had an In-House Laboratory Independent Research project entitled "Membrane-based Oxygen-enriched Combustion of Liquid Hydrocarbon Fuels." The project involved research on various polymer membranes to improve Soldier-portable burner-based power systems.

For more on the story visit <http://www.cerdec.army.mil/newsletter/>.

Spotlight On ...

The Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment system. To learn more view the March 21 edition of the AMC News Dispatch at www.amc.army.mil/amc/pa/dispatch/dispatch.html.

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